IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD

SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION No 4498 of 2002

For Approval and Signature:

Hon'ble MR.JUSTICE P.B.MAJMUDAR

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1. Whether Reporters of Local Papers may be allowed to see the judgement? : NO

2. To be referred to the Reporter or not? : NO

3. Whether Their Lordships wish to see the fair copy of the judgement? : NO

4. Whether this case involves a substantial question of law as to the interpretation of the Constitution of India, 1950 of any Order made thereunder? : NO

5. Whether it is to be circulated to the Civil Judge? : NO

NILESHKUMAR MAGANBHAI PATEL

Versus

REGIONAL PASSPORT OFFICER

Appearance:

MR KL PANDYA for the Petitioner.

MR DN PATEL for the Respondent.

CORAM : MR.JUSTICE P.B.MAJMUDAR

Date of decision: 24/04/2002

ORAL JUDGEMENT

Rule. Mr.N.J. Shah, for Mr.D.N. Patel, waives service of rule on behalf of the respondent.

With the consent of the parties, the matter is taken up for hearing today.

The petitioner is a passport holder. In the

original passport of the petitioner, the birth date mentioned is 16th March, 1961. Therafter, the petitioner realised that his real birth date is 15th February, 1961. He has alraedy given an application in tht behalf to the authority on 22nd April, 2002 on the ground that her correct birth date is 15th February, 1961. For this, the petitioner has relied upon the copy of the extract of the Birth Certificate.

Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the Authority is directed to decide the application of the petitioner dated 22nd April, 2002, which is pending before the Authority. The Authority may decide the representation of the petitioner for correcting the birth date in accordance with law and as per the Rules, and after considering the necessary evidence on record, may pass appropriate orders in accordance with law. From the evidence on record, if the Authority is satisfied that the grievance of the petitioner is justified and the correct birth date of the petitioner is 15.2.1961, then necessary orders correcting the entry may be passed and on that basis, corrected passport may be given to the petitioner. However, it is for the authority to appreciate the evidence and to pass appropriate order in accordance with law. The decision may be taken expeditiously, preferably within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

Since the petitioner at the initial stage has not taken care for giving appropriate birth date, the petitioner is directed to pay costs of Rs.2,000/- to the authority. The said amount may be deposited with the Authority within a period of two weeks from today.

The petition is accordingly allowed. Rule is made absolute to the aforesaid extent, with costs quantified as above.

Direct service is permitted.

24th April, 2002 (P.B. Majmudar, J.)

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